MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether *any* part of the Service Regulation applies to the Professors of the Law College in *any* way; either in the matter of drawing pay or taking leave.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I put it as a point of order to the ruling of the Chair. My question was whether the Travancore Service Regulation applies to the Professors of the Law College. The answer given is, Service Regulations are not applicable. Then I put a supplementary question whether any part of the Service Regulation applies, and can the member reasonably claim notice to that question?

PRESIDENT: In that case, it means an examination of the whole Regulation to see which applies and which does not.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): When they gave an answer that it does not apply that means they might have referred to all the provisions of the Regulations and framed such an answer. But I cannot leave this question unanswered.

PRESIDENT: The answer might have been made quite clear and I agree with you.

Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar and Prescription of Text-books for Vernacular Schools.

189. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the text-books prescribed for Vernacular schools for 1926-27 and 1927-28, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many books written by Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar have been prescribed as text-books and what they are;

(*b*) whether these books were all prescribed as text-books after they have all been considered and approved by the Text-book Committee;

(*c*) whether all the books written by Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar now prescribed as text-books did find a place in the original list of text-books published in the *Government Gazette*;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the books that were published in the supplement to the original lists and why they had to be published in a supplementary list;

(*e*) whether books written by any other author were published as text-books for 1926-27 in a supplementary list;

(*f*) whether, apart from the publications in the *Government Gazette*, any special instructions were issued by the Assistant Inspectors or the Chief Inspector to the various schools under them intimating that three books written by Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar were prescribed as text-books;

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(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, whether similar instructions were issued by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and the Assistant Inspectresses to the various institutions under them;

(*h*) whether there was any direction from the Director of Public Instruction for the purpose of issuing the instructions referred to in part (*f*);

(*i*) whether Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar, Valia Chalai Street, Trivandrum, and Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar, Palace Special Officer, are one and the same person; and

(*j*) whether Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar is a native of Haripad?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. R. Kulathu Aiyar's Malayalam History of Travancore has been prescribed as an alternative text-book for Class V.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) After the publication of the original list it was brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction that Mr. Kulathu Aiyar's book was more up-to-date.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) One Assistant Inspector of Vernacular Schools alone informed the Headmasters of all Vernacular Middle Schools under him by a circular letter that three books written by Mr. Kulathu Aiyar have been approved as text-books.

(*g*) One Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools issued instructions to the Vernacular Schools under her that as regards History and Geography Mr. Kulathu Aiyar's books should be taught in the lower classes.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) No.

Agreement re Pallivasal Scheme.

190. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the complete correspondence *re* Pallivasal Scheme within the concession of the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company Ltd.?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Legislative Council will be given an opportunity to express its opinion regarding the Pallivasal Scheme before any agreement is entered into between the Government and the Company?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Copies* of the agreements relating to (1) the use of the water at Pallivasal and (2) the power house site are placed on the table. Copies of correspondence on the subject cannot be laid on the table.

(*b*) The agreements have already been executed on the 27th March 1928 and are awaiting registration.

**Vide* Appendices VII & VIII—pages 522-531.

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